REMARKS

Claims 2, 8, 9, 13-15, 17, 21 and 22 have been amended. Claims 2, 8-9, 11-15, 17-18 and 21-22 and 24-31 remain for further consideration. No new matter has been added.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

For all the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2, 8-9, 11-15, 17-18, 21-23 and 24-31 is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

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